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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,712

For: FILTERED CIGARETTE INCORPORATING A

BREAKING CAPSULE

Our Reference No.: 14150-00601

Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced application are the following documents:

- (1) Transmittal Form (1 page); and
- (2) Response To Office Action (8 pages).

Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter, thereby acknowledging receipt of the above-identified documents.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID R. YOHANNAN, Reg. No. 37,480

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Response to Office Action

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants' remarks begin on page 2 of this response.